Crop Insurance Scheme

1703. SHRI BANGARULAXMAN:
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SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for inclusion of States under the pilot project for Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme in States;

(b) the details regarding the States included under the Scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has requested for inclusion under the Scheme for the benefit of farmers of the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Initially, a Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme (PCIS) was proposed for implemention. The scheme was proposed in selected districts/States (the list of selected districts/States is at statement (*See* below). The selection of States/districts for the scheme was made keeping in view economic backwardness, large number of Small and Marginal Farmers in the State/district, availability of infrastructure is the State, operational convenience of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC), the implementing agency etc.

An Experimental Crop Insurance Scheme (ECIS) has been implemented during Rabi 1997-98 in the States/districts originally selected for the Pilot Scheme (Except in Rajasthan where the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme is not under implemention).

(c) tc (e) Yes, Sir. Government of Gujarat had requested for inclusion of districts from the Gujarat State in PCIS. The scheme being of a Pilot nature, all States/districts could not be covered at the initial stage.

Statement

List of Districts/States selected for coverage under the Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme (PCIS)

1. Andhra Pradesh	Pradasam Mehaboobnagar
2. Assam	N. Lakhimpur Nagaon Dhemaji Nalbari
3. Bihar	Sitamari Darbhanga Madhubani Samastipur Khagria Palamau Vaishali
4. Madhya Pradesh	Bastar Sarguja
5. Maharashtra	Amravati
6. Orissa	Bolangir Kalahandi Naupada Kendrapada Jaipur
7. Tamil Nadu	Naggapattanam Thivarur A.T. Panneerselvan
8. Karnataka	Bijapur
9. Rajasthan	Jhunjhunu

Building of Field Tanks

1704. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for building field tanks in the agricultural fields of farmers is still in existence in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what has been the response of the farmers to this scheme;

(c) whether there are complaints of less enthusiasm on the part of Government; and

(d) what steps will be taken to do more work under this scheme?